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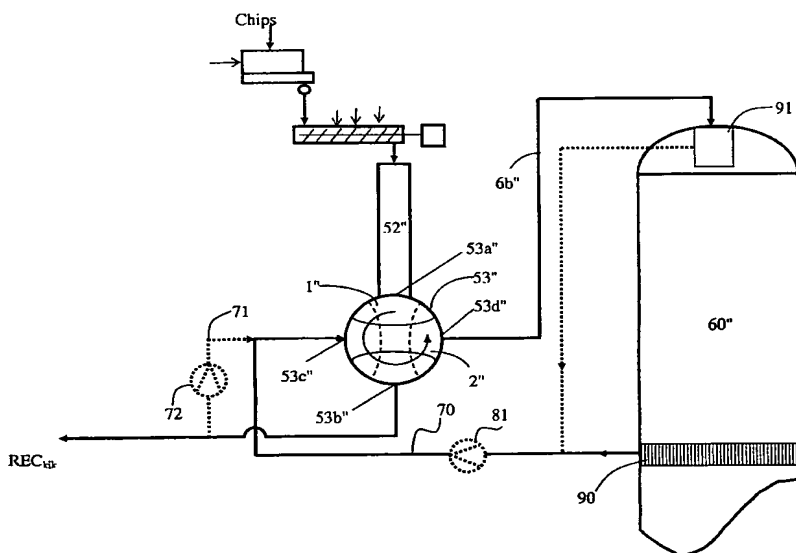
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns an improved method to sluice chips from a low-pressure section to a high-pressure section with a sluice feeder 53" (a high-pressure feeder). The fluid that is used to expel the chips from the sluice feeder 53" principally comprises pressurised fluid withdrawn from the treatment vessel 60", which pressurised fluid is normally withdrawn from the treatment vessel 60" for recovery (REC). By using this pressurised fluid instead to expel the chips from the sluice feeder 53" and subsequently sending the previously pressurised fluid to the recovery system (REC), the requirement for high-pressure pumps that consume large quantities of electrical energy can be considerably reduced.